

Attorney Docket No. 1998/F-101 US (8577*26)
PATENT

CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I, Valerie J. Murphy, hereby certify that this paper, along with any other paper or fee referred to in this paper as being transmitted herewith, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on 18 September 2001.

Signed, *Valerie J. Murphy*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)

Dirk VANDERZANDE et al.)

Serial No.: 09/786,581)

§ 371 Date: 9 August 2001)

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF)
DERIVATIVES OF 4-ALKYLSULFINYL-)
METHYLARYLENEMETHANOL)

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

RECEIVED
OCT 16 2001
TC 1700

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

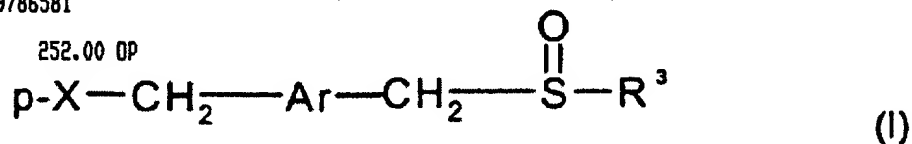
Please add the following new claims.

18. (New) A process for the preparation of compounds of the formula (I):

09/26/2001 BSAYAS11 00000009 09786581

01 FC:103

252.00 OP



in which:

Ar is an optionally substituted aromatic ring system having 4 to 20 carbon atoms,

X is a leaving group,